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mans, dwarfs, and other silly things? Does he not know that in Germany, and other countries tainted by heresy, it is the fashion to allege pictures full of like tomfooleries as proofs of the wickedness of the Holy Catholic Church, and thereby to degrade it in the eyes of the ignorant, and thereby to spread false and wicked doctrines?" This rather unexpected flank attack somewhat alarms Veronese. He now confesses that he has done wrong, but he quotes the authority of his masters. "Michael Angelo has represented in the chapel of the Pope our Lord, his Mother, St. John, St. Peter, and the heavenly hosts, and he has represented all these personages naked, even the Holy Virgin, and in various positions which are not exactly inspired by the deepest religion." This answer, though hardly to the point, seems to have told. But the inquisitor is not beaten yet. "Do you not understand, then," says he, "that when you are painting the Last Judgment, at which you must not suppose any garments, you need not paint any? What is there, then, in those figures which is not inspired by the Holy Spirit? There are no tom-fools, no dogs, nor arms, or other silly stuff. Do you still maintain that you were right in painting your picture in this fashion, and will you still try to prove to us that it is good and proper?"

Veronese saw the drift of all this, and was fully convinced on the spot. He humbly begs to offer his apologies, "he did not mean any harm." He is condemned to correct and to amend his picture at his own expense within three months after the decree and ordinance of the tribunal.

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Thou, the fuel and the flame;
Thou, in heaven, here, the same;
Thou, the wooer and the wooed;
Thou, the hunger and the food;
Thou, the prayer and the prayed;
Thou, what is or shall be said;
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